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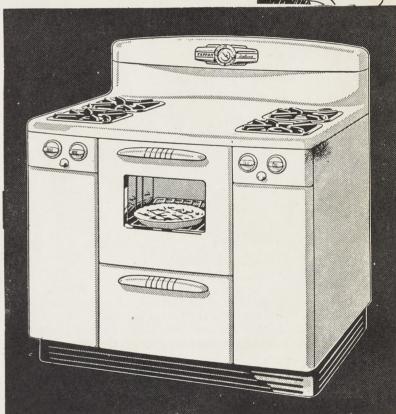
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NEW STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

THE PICTORIAL is pleased to announce that Mrs. Jane Estep has joined its staff as photographer, replacing Charles (Bud) Lonzo who has resigned to resume his career as a free-lance. Mrs. Estep is particularly well qualified for her new job. She has had more years than she likes to remember experience at advertising photography, and worked for more than a year as photographer for the Los Angeles Daily News. She lives with her husband, a composer, on Workman Mill Rd.

Bud Lonzo, who ably handled The Pictorial's camera work since early last summer, will make his free-lance headquarters at his home, 10400 Gunn Ave., post office box No. 616.

COVERING THE PICTORIAL



This year it's a freshman—Jacquelynne Wilson, 121 Vicki Dr.—who's serving as student director for the high school's annual spring play, "Junior Miss," given April 26-27 in the auditorium. Jacquie prompts faltering actors, rounds up wandering ones and makes herself generally useful to Mrs. Kathrine Grassell, drama department head. Even more important, Jacquie has dimples.

A MASTER PENMAN PASSES

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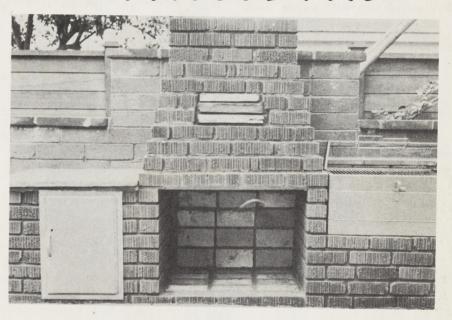
It was with deep regret that we learn of the death recently of Virgil Sarff, long-time Whittier barber who was featured in a lead article in The Pictorial for February 1 of this year.

In addition to being an expert barber, Mr. Sarff was an accomplished penman of the old school and his art was used to illustrate the article about him. He was one of that vanishing company of penman whose flourishes delighted millions in this country late in the 19th and early in the 20th century. Often he received letters from the few penmen over the nation as accomplished as he who still practice their art, refusing to surrender to the typewriters and other gadgets of the machine age. These letters were easily identifiable. The envelopes were addressed with a flourish and usually a flowery dove or two would be added by way of embellishment.

Until shortly before his death, Sarff practiced his art, asserting that the continued work helped him to improve still further his skill. The accompanying photograph shows this artist standing beside a picture he once drew with pen and ink—one of several such examples in his home at 309 S. Milton.



BARBECUE PITS



Type "A" Barbeque Pit erected for Mr. and Mrs. Charles B. Smith, 7406 Glengarry, along with patio in foreground.

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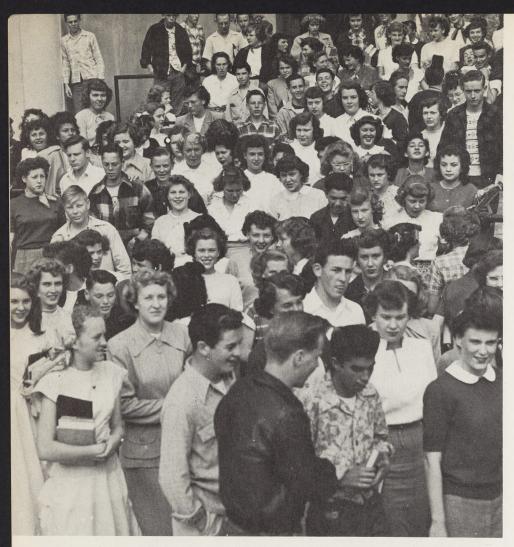
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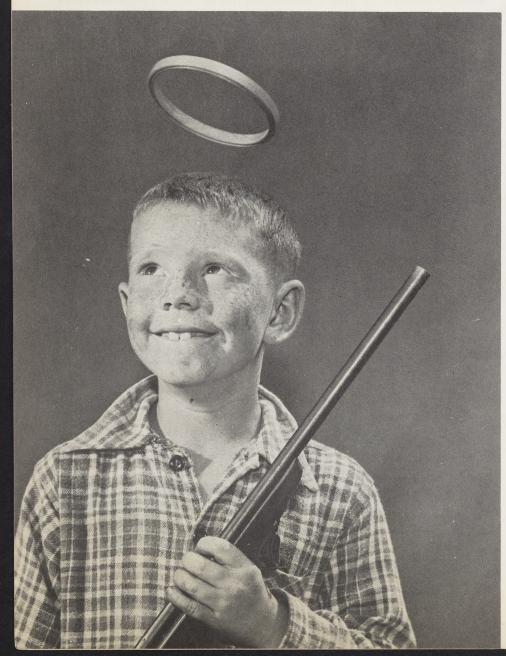
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"Atlas carries a World of Fencing"



This high school throng landed on cover of Vol. I, No. 1 after being briefly bottlenecked near exit after last afternoon class.

This was The Pictorial's first cover but few Whittierites saw it. Entitled "Through Mother's Eyes," it was cover shot for limited sample edition publishers produced to show potential advertisers what magazine would look like. Photographer: John Wippert, of the Circle of Confusion.



We Are One

A Few Remarks Commemorating the Beginning of The Pictorial's Second Year as Whittier's Only Bi-Weekly Picture Magazine Comes of Age

This is the Age of Magazines— Even skeptics must confess it: Where is the town of much renown That has not one to bless it?*

A year ago—on April 27—the first issue of The Whittier Pictorial hit the streets, somewhat to the astonishment of the magazine's staff of three. Whittier's citizenry took the blow good-naturedly with the result that today, 26 issues later, we find ourselves with a first anniversary to celebrate.

Groping vainly for cliches suited to our feelings on this momentous occasion, we find ourselves wondering what—if anything—we've proved by one year of continuous publication. Has the magazine interested enough readers so that its existence is justified? Are they getting their 15 cents' worth? Are the advertisers—they spent more than \$20,000 on it—getting their money's worth? Is the idea of a local magazine a sound one?

About the number of readers: we began by guaranteeing to our advertisers that we would sell 2,000 copies of each issue. How, the skeptic wants to know, can anyone *guarantee* to sell anything? Taking into account the Whittier area's population, we made what we hoped was a shrewd guess. As it happend we guessed right—luckily: with paper alone costing over \$100 per issue, we couldn't afford to print more magazines than could be sold.

By the time the fifth issue came along, we upped our press run to 2,500 on the strength of an article about city politics of more than routine interest. But, on subsequent issues during the summer reading doldrums, we went back to 2,000. There we stayed until autumn, when we managed to stabilize at 2,500 again. In recent weeks the magazine has departed twice from this level and from its customary 24-page format. It came out with 36 pages and 3,500 copies on March 8, and 32 pages and 3,000 copies on April 19. We are now trying to see if we can sustain a circulation of 3,000.

Ad Rates Rose

Life Magazine is said to have had serious financial troubles during its first year because its circulation outran its advertising rates. A picture-hungry public forced it to print a great many more magazines than its advertising contracts justified. The Pictorial experienced a poor man's version of the same. It printed a total of 7,000 magazines over its guarantee up to mid-March At that time a small increase in ad rates helped cover skyrocketing production costs.

THE PICTORIAL, like many a young publication, had one foot in a familiar vicious circle. In order to prosper, it needed more advertising. To get more ads, it had to be able to offer more circulation. But it costs money to increase circulation, so it needed the proceeds of increased advertising—ad infinitum. The people who could show the way out were—and are—the humble readers. If enough of them liked the magazine enough to shell out 15 cents every two weeks, its success was assured.

But was it worth 15 cents? Now and then our newsboys report that a potential customer will take a copy, leaf through it quickly and return it with a growled, "Nothing in it—it isn't worth the money." To our staff members who toiled through many a 72-hour week to produce the publication, those are invariably rude words. Yet, we uphold his right to keep his 15 cents if he so chooses.

Over 100 Advertisers

Acceptance of the magazine apparently has been good. More than 500 persons receive yearly subscriptions. Well over 100 local businesses have advertised in it. Many local residents have contributed ideas for stories and pictures *from the Cincinnati Literary Gazette, 1824.

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Nev Blonde me ve ''Col (though a determined minority insists on calling us the "Pictorial Review")

Beginning last June we took a stand on city affairs and have been cussed and re-cussed for it. "I think, very shortly, you are going to be handed an invitation to vamoose somewhere beyond the Whittier city borders," wrote an anonymous admirer in December. "It stinks," was the comment on a PICTORIAL editorial made by another reader. By and large, the public's reaction is summed up in the vapid words, "You have a nice little magazine there." Such words are pleasant; however, we prefer to hear from the rare critic who takes us apart and puts us together again—constructively. He helps us to improve our product.

In an effort to give readers their money's worth, we have served a varied diet of biography, articles, commentary, fiction and verse, in addition to lots of pictures and the stories that accompany them . . . some 2,000 pictures in all. Some of the men and women sketched in words were Paul S. Smith, Whittier college authority on the U. S. Constitution (June 8); Vic York, oilman and philanthropist (Oct. 12); Herb Wennerberg, youthful high school superintendent (Nov. 9); Sen. Richard M. Nixon (Nov. 23); Chief Newman, college football sage (Nov. 23); Kay Waymire, Star-Reporter editor (Jan. 4); Lynn Machamer, renowned gunsmith (Jan. 4); Larry Magee, Rivera's personable school superintendent (Jan. 18), and beloved barbers John C. Scott, Clarence S. Cole and the late Virgil Sarff (Feb. 1).

Also, The Pictorial has taken a stand for and against various things during the year. We wrote about city government (against the councilmen who sabotaged the city manager); about a youth center (we wanted it finished); about a city zoo (we favor one); on mental health (we want people to understand it); about Jimtown (we hope it will annex to Whittier); on local artists and writers (we want their work in The Pictorial); about the local symphony society (we want the Los Angeles Philharmonic back here next season), and about Easter week in Balboa (we were for fun and against sin).

In addition, we described the effects of an imaginary atomic blast on Whittier, began a series of inquiries into the lives led by local wives and published lots of pictures of pretty girls.

Most Advertisers Happy

While the readers seemed to thrive on this fare, what about the advertisers? The overwhelming majority of Whittier businessmen, long branded as conservative, readily accepted The Pictorial although the concept of a *local* magazine was a new one. Because the magazine is published every two weeks, stores that thrive on sizzling weekend price reductions generally stayed with other advertising media. Nevertheless, stores selling everything from fountain pens to furniture liked the profusely illustrated ads the magazine could offer them. Other firms that depend on selling services rather than merchandise



Pictorial artist David Jaquith envisioned this answer to recurrent problem of how to get wife to help trim grass.

came to regard the magazine as an ideal medium for keeping their names before the public.

A brief sampling of advertisers who got concrete results from The Pictorial includes Bob Fowler, manager of The Colonial Shop, who says, "We sold enough furniture from one ad in the magazine to pay for an entire year's advertising." Also, Barr Lumber Co., whose manager, Jim Martindale, recorded "over 15 calls" as a result of an ad for a \$22.95 work bench. Mrs. Dorothy Stickel, of the Jeronley Dance Studio, gained nine new pupils from two Pictorial ads. Whittier Kindergarten and Nursery School received 49 calls and 11 new children from magazine advertising, according to Director Veta Lindsey. And another concern landed \$300 worth of business from a \$22 ad.

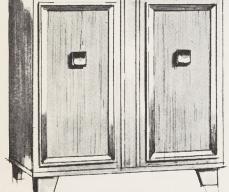
The Pictorial was started by Lee N. Slinkard, owner of Lee's Photo Supply, and Charles N. Pollak II, a former United Press correspondent in Argentina and public relations counsel in Venezuela. On October 1, Slinkard opened a new, larger store on Whittier Blvd. and his interest in the magazine was acquired by Dan L. Thrapp, formerly of West Chicago, Ill. Until recently a United Press correspondent in Buenos Aires, London, Rome and Athens, Thrapp studied at Wisconsin, Illinois and Missouri universities and at the Chicago Art Institute. A decade ago he made an epochal 800-mile muleback trip from Argentina to Bolivia; hence when war came it was no surprise that he was made a mule-pack officer in Burma and China.

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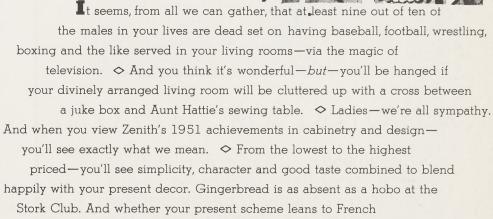
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Pictorial photogs must always be ready to go (we now have a lady photographer not shown here.)



This showed how editors felt after producing first issue. They still feel that way.

friendship; Andy Cummings, for initial encouragement and photographic contributions; Jack Corcoran, for backing something he hoped would be an asset to the community; Blanche Hutcheson, for much exacting artwork; Mabel George Haig, for mental stimulus; Marjorie Saville, Margaret Bonham, Kay Lowery, Hank Litten, Art Adams and Mel Aldrich, our underpaid contributors of editorial material; Patricia Grisham, for many hours of careful paste-up work; David Jaquith, for skillful art and layout work; Lee Slinkard, for service as an elder statesman; Martha Pollak, for valiantly sharing the work load, and Margaret Spetka, for a million and one helpful things.

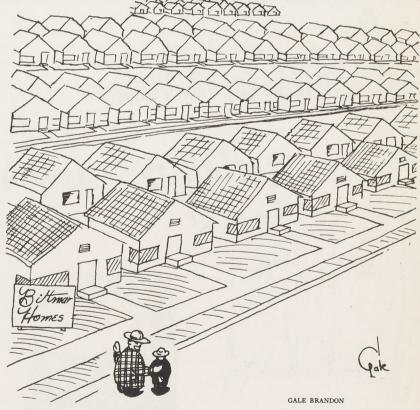
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Although many of our advertisers have over and over again demonstrated their faith in this new kind of advertising medium, we are especially appreciative of firms which never mssed an issue during our first year: Urich-Gibbs Motor Co., The Widdicombes, The Colonial Shop, Jack's, Lee's Photo Supply.

We Love Our Printers

Is the idea of The Pictorial a sound one? This is a legitimate question since there are very, very few successful local magazines in the U. S. However, time alone can provide the answer. No matter how creditable the idea, the enterprise will be judged on its ability to produce a return for its partners (none of this "the operation was a success, the patient died" kind of thing). During the first year, The Pictorial earned an extremely modest return and paid what seemed to us vast sums to its printers. As for the second year, we'll be from Missouri. We'll work hard to publish a magazine that will be a credit to a fine community—and let our readers and advertisers carry on from there.

Could Be Whittier



"Yessir, we give you two bedrooms, hardwood floors, a three-car garage and a real up-to-date map showing exactly how to find your way home."

Cartoon by Whittier college football player appeared in sample issue.

Glossy 8x10-inch photographs of pictures printed in The Pictorial may be purchased at our office, \$1 each. For 5x7-inch prints the price is 60c each. Prices for contact prints and large orders may be had by phoning 45-0274. We also take many pictures which, because of space limitations or for other reasons, never appear in the magazine; you may see proofs and order prints from these negatives by calling at The Pictorial office.

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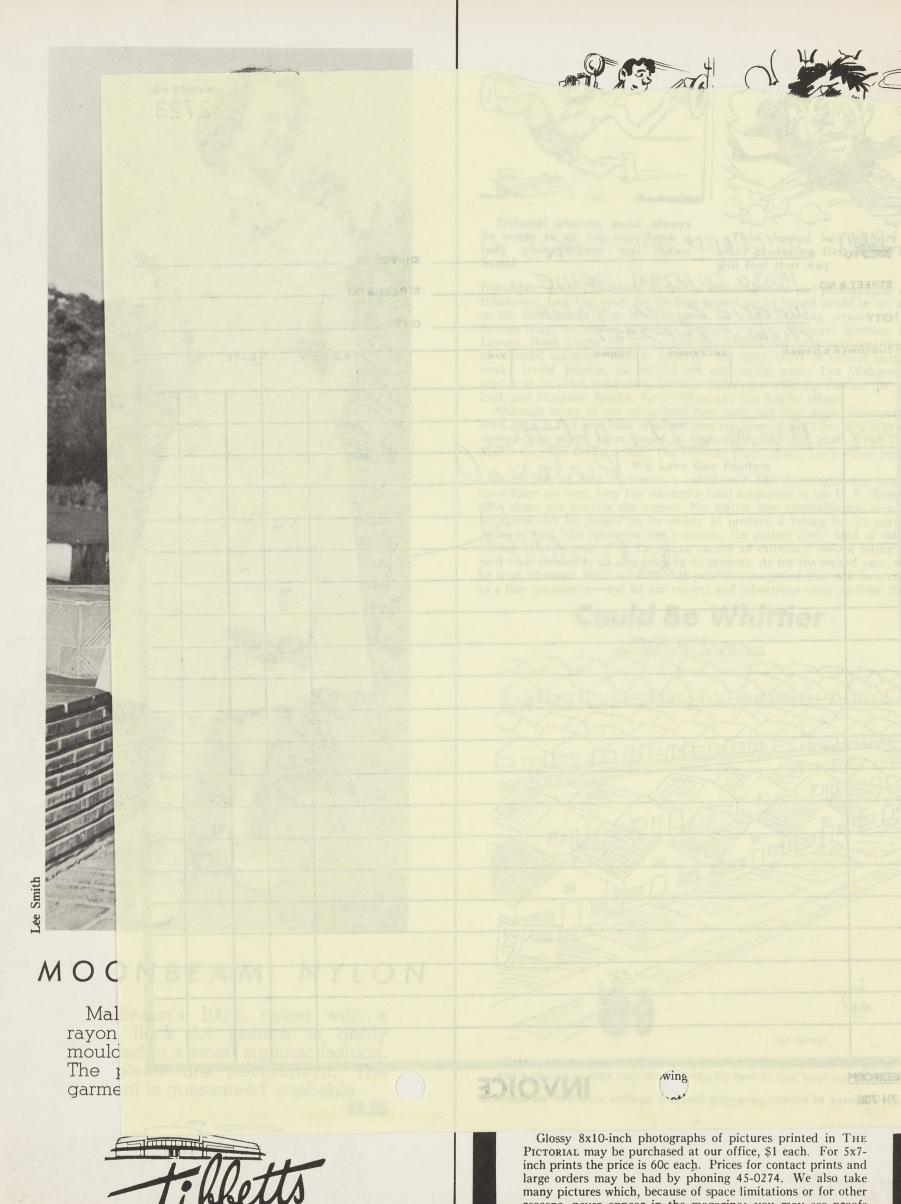
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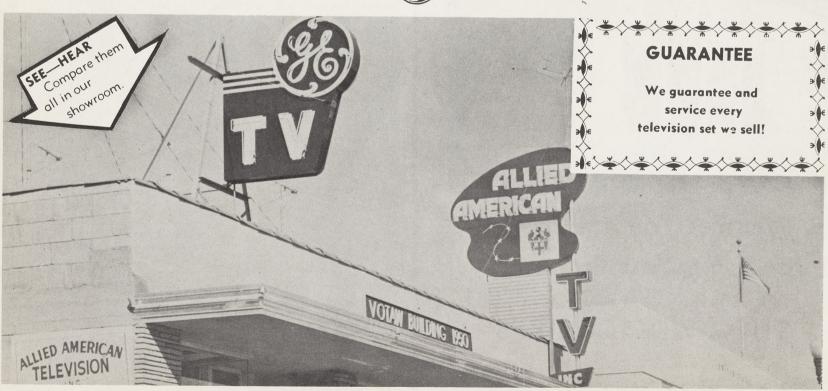


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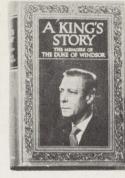
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Let's Not Dis-Integrate

By MABEL GEORGE HAIG

Whenever I hear a discussion of our local schools I think of the brick building in Minnesota that long ago "held my joyous spirit captive." The four rooms on the first floor always carried a rich aroma of chalk dust and children who had been sewed up for the winter. As we progressed through the second floor and into the high school at the top of the building the air grew sweeter, partly because less blackboard work was done and partly because the children of the European immigrants had learned American ways and observed the ritual of the Saturday bath.

When I reched the seventh grade, I was put to work to learn geography out of a large gray book. It was very dull. The only thing that interested me was a picture of a streetcar in a town called Ontario, in California. Two mules pulled the

car up a long sloping track. At the top they climbed onto the car and coasted grandly to the bottom. That was really something worth learning about.

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Life in the eighth grade became serious. If we did not pass we could not go to high school. We had history and studied about how the wicked English came over and fought us because we threw some tea into Boston Harbor. Of course the noble Americans won the war. It was very dreary, studying history.

There were some bright spots in the eighth grade, however. We had a picture on the wall called "Baby Stuart." The brown color and

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indifferent printing could not conceal the charm of the child or the skill of the artist. I loved that picture. We also read "The Lady of the Lake" and I learned most of it by heart.

Nobody ever told me that the brave James Fitz-James who defied Roderick Dhu in the poem was the great-great-grandfather of "Baby Stuart." Nor did anybody mention the fact that Baby Stuart was a predecessor of the wicked English king who sent soldiers to fight the noble Americans, or that Boston Harbor where he tea was tossed was part of the New England I had learned about in geography. We had no integrated courses in those days. It remained for a recent graduate of our Whittier High School to point out to me Baby Stuart's place on the royal family tree.

In spite of my languid interest in learning, I passed into high school, a high school that flounced no frills. We were there strictly to study English, Latin, algebra,

geometry, a little chemistry, and physics. The one alleviation to this drab regime was a statue of Mercury on a wall bracket. This statue I drew from every possible angle at every opportunity, and always when I should have been otherwise engaged. This may partially explain my indifferent grades.

Latin was a horror. What was the sense of parroting "Tuba, a trumpet, tubae, of a trumpet, tubae, to or for a trumpet"? And who cared what happened to Caesar's legions? I was a grandmother before a shutter in my mind clicked open and I saw those Roman boys huddled around a campfire in the wilderness

of Gaul, conversing in the spoken form of Latin, swearing by Mercury, dreaming of Italy (a country much like California where mules rode on streetcars), and being roused by the blast of a tuba. As I said, we had no integrated courses in those days.

There are children (and their parents) who feel that a too highly integrated course of study, in which the pupil is unaware that he is learning history, geography, or English, is not a successful form of education. But surely any pupil will absorb more of the significance of a piece of literature if he is familiar with the geographical background and historical setting of the characters and plot. I use the word "absorb" purposely. He may not be aware of all he learns, but some day he will see great white clouds pile up into the sky and he will say to himself, "Ruskin wrote about clouds like that once, but he saw them in England. Ruskin



was doted on by Queen Victoria and hated by Whistler. Whistler lived in Russia before he became a painter. Once he posed for Sargent, and Sargent also painted the frieze of the prophets in the Boston Library. Those prophets were in the Bible and the Bible was translated into English by the orders of James I, and James I was the grandfather of Baby Stuart, and Baby Stuart—" Life can become fascinating to a pupil if his English course is integrated with history and geography.

I agree with Perry Miller, Professor of American Literature at Harvard, when he says ("Atlantic Monthly," March, 1951), "The American

often leaves his campus still vulgar and uninformed, but we do have the opportunity, more by good luck than good management, of impressing upon him the glimmerings of a notion that learning is not something apart from life."

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Large coterie of cameramen and Edison brass watches meter installation.

Television Comes to Friendly Hills Home

All the hoopla of big-company public relations descended upon a modest Whittier family on April 12 when the Southern California Edison Co. installed its millionth electric meter in the new home of Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Lillywhite, 8652 La Tremolina Lane, Friendly Hills.

Through some mysterious intra-company insight, the Edison people knew ahead of time that the goldplated meter was slated for the Lillywhites. So a mammoth banquet was staged preceded by the actual installation, which was kinescoped for evening television.

Each guest at the luncheon at Welch's in Whittier received an elaborate guest list with his name imprinted in gold on the cover. Invitees included 52 mayors and 23 city managers from Los Angeles area communities, and Edison executives were a dime a dozen. The company was also celebrating its 55th birthday and the fact that since 1896 it has grown from an \$11,000 concern to a \$600,000,000 one. State Public Utilities Commissioner Harold P. Huls told the assemblage that Edison was just about the only major utility in California not presently requesting a rate increase.



Lillywhite family pauses during banquet to examine special medallion commemorating their meter.





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Credit Girls' Bosses Given Free (?) Meal

How's your credit? If you haven't met the payments on that new TV set or hot water bottle, chances are that one of the lovely ladies of the Whittier Credit Women's Club will soon be after you. The ladies forgot about your credit, however, for a fleeting moment recently when they invited their bosses to an annual dinner at the Woman's Club.

The Pictorial reporter couldn't get it straight whether the girls took the bosses or vice-versa, though one lady cracked, "We have to take them—their

credit is lousy."

A Hawaiian motif (courtesy United Airlines) embellished the guests with the customary leis ("They were a darned nuisance," one girl commented). Principal speaker was William E. Ryan, credit manager of the Broadway department store. At their regular monthly meetings, the girls discuss how changing government regulations and economic conditions affect their duties in the collections and bookkeeping field.





Credit girls' community fair queen Alice de la Torre is gay. Robert Myers, of the department store, isn't. Ryan is in background.





WHO'S THE BOSS HERE?
Norman Smith, credit jeweler, with Mrs. Smith (left); G. E. Rinehart, building materials supplier, is dubious about lei bestowed on him by Mrs. Rinehart.



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Credit Women's President Lorraine Koffler is delighted by garland she's just placed around neck of Bob McGuire, manager of Whittier Merchants Credit Bureau.



M.W. Tibbetts, women's wear retailer, attempts vainly to lay down the law to his credit girl, Charlotte Day.

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WHO will be the lucky woman to win this beautiful ermine cape stole?

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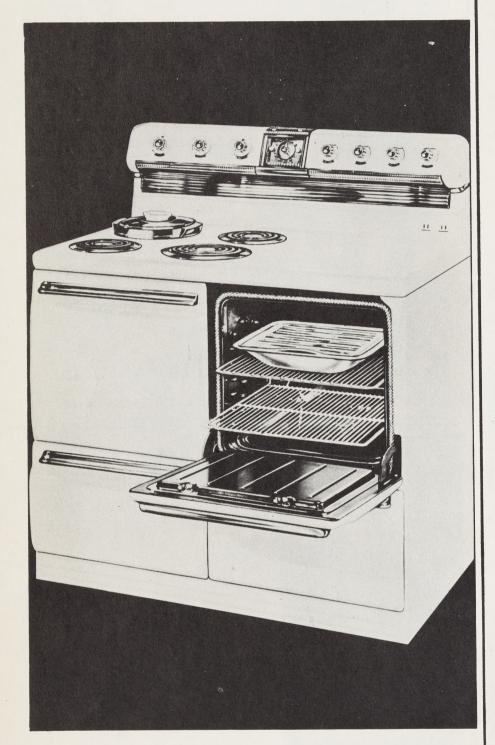
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Andy Wood, former Whittier College football player, leads his 6th graders in song at Lydia Jackson school. Visiting music supervisors were impressed with class performance

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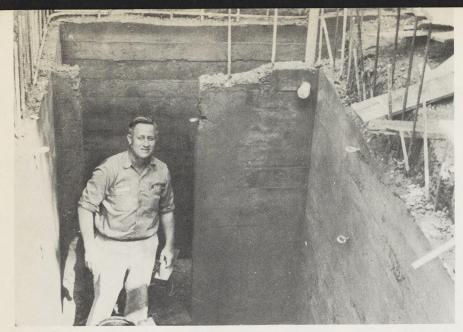
Whittier's elementary school music instruction is good enough so that Muriel Dawley, a county supervisor, brought in music supervisors from other schools recently to see how we do it. The visitors sat in on jam sessions at several elementary classrooms and left convinced that Whittier' methods could be applied with value elsewhere.

Among those who helped steer the visitors around was Mrs. Patty Schliestett, music consultant for the 12 Whittier elementary schools and who, although working here only one year, has done much to help the local music education

As one phase of that program, instructors gathered at the teachers' workshop, John G. Whittier school, and made "rhythm instruments" for later use in their classrooms. There were 20 or 30 teachers who tackled the job, and they worked on gourds, bamboo sticks, nails (from which they constructed triangles), bottle caps (for making tambourines), and any number of other items. From them they constructed simple instruments with which their small students could learn the important art of developing and maintaining a rhythm.



Workshop teachers show their products. L. to r.: Helen Chase, Marilyn Frangos, Nan Moorse, Virginia Blank, Barbara Barnes, Frances Moulds, Irma Cole, Patty Schliestett, Muriel Dawley, Vera Houghtaling. Pie tins, gourds, bamboo sticks and swishers predominate.



Contractor smooths off interior of shelter. Stairs is through doorway behind him; escape hatch is out of sight in foreground.

Is It Nonsense To Get Ready For Anything

"You can take pictures, if you don't give our name or address," said Mr. X. "People might think we were silly!"

And, incredible though it might be in this year of heightened international tensions, with most of the world preparing for a new and greater, a cataclysmic war, there are people who might think Mr. X is a bit silly, so we shall not mention his name or address, other than to say he lives near the center of Whittier.

Mr. X is building a bomb shelter.

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It is a solid structure, built according to a design furnished by the city of Los Angeles, based on recommendations of the federal government's Atomic Energy Commission. It will hold three or four people. It is well underground, made of heavily reinforced concrete and fitted with a normal cement-stair

entrance and an escape hatch. It also has a ventilating system which, if properly screened against radio-active particles and not covered by debris, will make the shelter habitable indefinitely. Even if the intake gets covered, there is air enough for several hours.

It would take a direct hit or a very near miss to harm anyone in the shelter. Until or unless an aerial attack comes to this high priority target area, the X's will use their shelter for a deep freeze and other storage space, and a patio will be laid on top of it so that it will not interfere with wise space utilization in the back yard. But if an attack should come, the X's will have a chance.

Not so the wise acres who now think the X's are silly.

No one in his right mind would say that an air attack on the Los Angeles region is out of the question. Not these days, he wouldn't. Nor would anyone at all familiar with aerial warfare deny that if raids come, some missiles will likely hit Whittier, sooner or later, bombardiers' accuracy being what it is. And should that lamentable event materialize, there will be many a simple grin blown off wise faces and, as Mr. X predicts, "The papers probably will headline: 'X's Trampled to Death' in the rush for our shelter."

When (if) an air raid comes, many people will want a hole awfully bad—and awfully fast. The bombed and the frightened have no dignity, as any combat veteran knows. Then people will be furiously digging with shovels, with table knives, with their fingernails and, yes, with their teeth if necessary,

to get underground—but fast.

It would be so much simpler if they'd do their digging now. We don't wait for a burglar to call before putting a lock on the door—why await a Red bomber before taking common sense precautions? Why regard wise Mr. X as silly?



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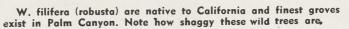
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Tall Washington gracilis at Bright and College.

Do You Know Your







City trims robusta to make them neater, but they're then also

An observant woman, for 30 years resident of Whittier, was asked by the writer if she knew where in town there might be some particularly interesting palms.

"Well, no," she admitted, thoughtfully. "As a matter of fact, I can't recall whether there are any palms at all in town."

She had to be reminded that there are eight thousand palms in and near Whittier, of a dozen species, perhaps more. But her reply illustrated how commonplace these striking trees are to "old timers," no matter how unusual they

A person arriving here from the Middle West, however, often is not sure whether he likes palms. To him they may seem artificial, quite unlike the oaks and elms he grew used to in Iowa or Indiana. But gradually he learns that they are every bit as ornamental and interesting as the trees "back East."

He probably will discover also that many old timers don't know much about palms. The writer, a recent arrival in California, noting that there were at least several kinds of palms, searched in vain for a resident who knew one from another, and finally was forced to track down recognized authorities. Then, believing that people should know their trees, he did this article.

Palms are interesting trees. The family is second only to the grass family (grass-grain-bamboo) in usefulness to humanity. Many millions of people live almost exclusively upon palm products. There are palms which produce both sugar and salt, some provide dates and others produce coconuts which are used for food, drink, soap and thatch. In all the world there are 2,000 to 4,000 different kinds of palms (authorities can't agree on the number), and about 150 sorts are raised in this country mostly in Florida. One of the most widespread species is cocos nucifera, the coconut palm, a graceful tree which is the one invariably used for illustrations requiring some sort of palm. Incidentally, no one knows where the coconut palm originated, some holding out for the New World and other authorities for Malaysia, nor can they agree on how it migrated so widely. Some botanists think that the seeds, or coconuts, could float to new homes across the oceans of the world. Others assert that the nut cannot stand long salt water immersion, and believe, therefore, that men must have transported the seed. There probably are no specimens of nucifera growing The word "coconut," according to botanists, came from the Portuguese word "cocos," meaning monkey, because, they say, the three "eyes" of a coconut resemble a monkey's face. There must be a better explanation



P. roebellini is a nice little tree for small yards. It never grows up.



This is freak roebellini, branched, at Fred Hadley home, 432 N. Painter.

South American Indians use sharp spines arrows for blowpipes. A Hindu poet wrote of Wine palms, mostly rhapias, give lots of sap strongly alcoholic when fermented. Ivory nut palms are carved into trinkets. And the trees literally thousands of other ways, although the palms are purely ornamental.

Identification of most local palms is not dithem into two classifications at a mere glar feather-like (pinnate) leaves, and others with having determined which, you are halfway to the trunk—is it smooth or criss-cross? Shaggy or brown? Ringed, and how far apart are the no native palms with naturally branching trun roebellini pictured here), and there are very femost notable species being the doum palm (he which tastes like gingerbread and is much low rican elephant. The writer does not know of a

California's only native palm is washington called robusta. This is a widely planted, fantrunk shaggy with hanging dead leaves. It manear Central Park, or almost anywhere else in species, called gracilis and there is much condit to say that according to some authorities the actually is robusta; that ordinarily called robufilifera or robusta, can best be seen on the Whexisting wild grove of these noble trees is in where thousands of them stand, some reaching Publicity brochures suggest that they are of im—but there is no proof, since palms do not most trees. An exceptionally tall variety of w specimen of this variety stands at the Plymout and College, and another in the yard of Mrs. Greenleaf. There is a splendid row of them west of Painter, south of the boulevard.

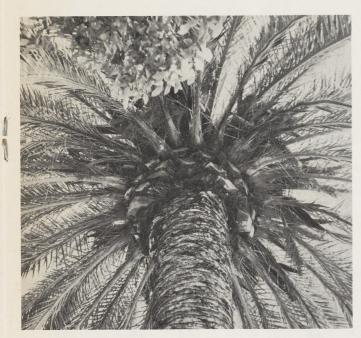
The normal limits of robusta were the White

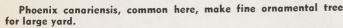


Some botanists call this livistona australis. It is at "Y"

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our Whittier Palms?







Pio Pico is said to have planted these canariensis trees at his mansion where they still thrive.

use sharp spines of certain palms for poisoned du poet wrote of 800 uses for one type of palm. give lots of sap, rich in sugar, which becomes nented. Ivory nuts from certain South American its. And the trees and their products are used in rays, although the majority of Southern California

al palms is not difficult. You can separate all of s at a mere glance: there are those with long, and others with broad, fan-like (palmate) leaves. ou are halfway to identifying the tree. Then note iss-cross? Shaggy or thorny or bare? Grey, white far apart are the rings? In this country there are lly branching trunks (but note the freak phoenix there are very few such palms in the world, the he doum palm (hyphaene thebaica), the fruit of l and is much loved by such gourmets as the Afoes not know of any doum palms in this country. alm is washingtonia filifera, and a variety of it dely planted, fan-leaved palm which often has a dead leaves. It may be seen on Washington Ave., anywhere else in Whittier. The palm has another here is much confusion over these names. Suffice ome authorities the variety usually called filifera, inarily called robusta actually is gracilis. The true be seen on the Whittier college campus. The finest noble trees is in Palm canyon, near Palm Springs nd, some reaching a height of more than 100 feet. hat they are of immense age—2,500 years or more ce palms do not have annual growth rings as do tall variety of washingtonia is gracilis. One fine ds at the Plymouth Congregational church, Bright the yard of Mrs. E. T. Stoddard's home, 229 S. lid row of them on Palm Ave., and another just boulevard.

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Writer believes this is L. chinensis. It's at 1113 Eastridge Dr.

springs on the north, Carrizo creek in San Diego county on the south, and Arizona (a single canyon of them) on the east, but these trees have been cultivated as far north as San Francisco and as distant as the French Riviera. In short, they are a grand type, worthy of consideration when you are planting your grounds. One point, however—do not trim off the hanging, dead leaves. They give a much more graceful appearance to your palm. The city strips off the dead leaves, to make the trees neater, and the Indians often burned them off, but the characteristic grace and fine proportions of the tree then are lost.

Most commonly planted pinnate (feather) leaved palm here is the majestic phoenix canariensis, the tousle-topped tree seen everywhere in Whittier. A fine example grows on the high school grounds, but others may be seen on any street in the city. These Canary Island date palms are an importation, but a worthy one since botanists agree that they are "the gem of the genus." Theoprastus gave the name "phoenix" to the date, perhaps thinking of the Phoenicians who constantly brought that tasty fruit to Greece. P. canariensis, however, does not bear edible dates, although the "impossibly fertile" plant produces sometimes 20,000 or more seeds. Of course, this is small potatoes compared with the tailpot palm, corypha umraculifera which "throws up a branching inflorescense 30 feet above the foliage, such an inflorescense having been estimated to include fully 60,000,000 flowers!" Umraculifera, however, cannot be raised in this country outside hothouses.

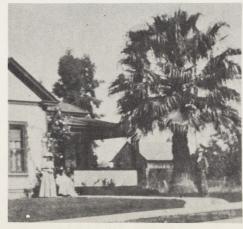
A particularly interesting variety of date is the pygmy palm, *phoenix roe-bellinii*, quite common here. Fred Hadley, 432 N. Painter, planted a double row along his driveway. Not very hardy, this palm, from Indo China, may live 20 to 30 years before its trunk grows taller than two feet or so. It is a nice front yard tree, if you want something short and unobtrusive.

As common as p. canariensis and w. robusta, perhaps, is arecastrum romanzoffianum, sometimes called cocos plumosa, and commonly referred to as the queen palm. This tree, while not as attractive as washingtonia or canariensis, is fast growing and quite suitable for tree bank planting. You may see it in rows on Bright, Painter, or any street in the older part of Whittier. It sometimes reaches 50 feet in height, has a smooth trunk, but requires attention, since dead leaves hang on near the apex and must be trimmed. They do not cling gracefully, as do those on washingtonia.

The Chinese windmill palm is another interesting variety and has been planted by the city on tree banks along Beverly Blvd., and elsewhere. It is



Trachycarpus excelsa comes from Himalayas. Kids eat its fruit with gusto.



"We stooped to get under this tree once," says Mrs. Stoddard. Picture at left was taken in 1907, the other, this year, showing rapid growth of this species.





Mrs. Christina Nelson, 105 years old Andy Cummings photo Don't forget to

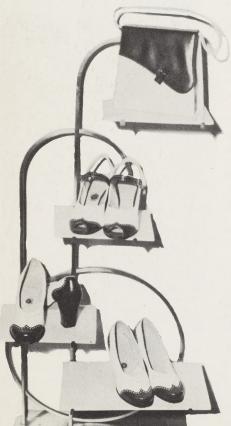
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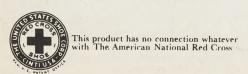
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Howea forsteriana is very popular lm, often potted indoors. It's sold as alm, often potted indoors. It's sold as kentia" and is named for south sea island where it originated. Seed must be



Archontophoenix cunninghamiana and alexandrae together at 1019 Eastridge Dr.







Rhapis excelsa is weird palm from Indo-China which propagates by means of suckers. It is a true palm, uncommon in Whittier. One at left is at William Braught home, 406 N. Comstock; the one at right is at St. Rose mausoleum. Center picture shows detail of stem.

known scientifically as trachycarpus excelsa, and it is so hardy it can be raised as far north as Oregon. The species pictured here is a Himalayan type, often found high on those rugged, manly mountains.

Most magnificent of all palms, pritchardia pacifica, is not represented in Whittier, which is too bad. Although somewhat delicate, this fan-leaf palm is raised in Florida and the Whittier climate may not be too rigorous for it. It would be interesting to know whether anyone has attempted to raise it here, and with what luck. The royal palm (roystonea elata) also is unrepresented; it could probably be grown here, but would not attain much height.

A Chilean palm called *jubea spectaculis* is represented in Whittier by two specimens, reportedly, but The Pictorial was unable to locate them for photographs. This is a useful tree. The Chileans draw the sap of it, a full size trunk yielding 90 gallons or more. It is boiled then, to make *miel de palma*, or "palm honey," used extensively as a food in South America.

Several persons helped in preparation of this article. Thanks should go particularly to naturalist-artist Cloudsly French and to Whittier college's Dr. Lois James who were especially generous with their assistance.



These archontophoenix alexandrae grow at 1113 Eastridge Dr. They are mighty



Murphy hospital is set among arecastrum romanzoffianum, or "queen palms."



This has been identified as many things, among them roystonea oleracea, or "cabbage palm" and first cousin to Florida's grand royal palm. It is at Fred Hadley's place.

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A. cunninghamiana is erroniously called seaforthia elegans sometimes. The latter is of another genus, only a botanist can tell them apart, however; but under any name it's a popular and beautiful tree. This is at Milton and Camilla.



The Guadaloupe palm, or erythea edulis, grows wild on island of Guadaloupe off coast of Lower California. It is also called the cut-throat palm, and this one is at 442 N. Bright.

These Are NOT Palms



Dracena indivisa is popular plant, sometimes called dracena palm, but, like cycas, is not of palm family.



"Tree fern palm" is neither tree nor palm. Scientific name of this species is alsophila australis.



Cycas revoluta (this one is on Washington south of chamber of commerce office) is sometimes called "cycas palm," or "sago palm," but is not really a palm at all.



Beaucarnia recurvata is Mexican importation at the William Cobb place, 401 W. Walnut. It is no palm.

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DeMolay Dance



The local De Molay chapter, celebrating its 25th anniversary early this month, held a dance at the Woman's Club April 7th. Here Gerry Palmer and Henry Primanti, left, and Gretchen Haas and Danny Spencer, Master Councilor of the chapter, whirl to music of the Harvey Hoover band. The band originally slated to furnish music didn't show up and the Hoovers volunteered to fill in. They did a fine job of it, De Molays agreed, although with an only four piece band.

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Harry Warner, Tuck Runkle and X. X. Mitchell grasp three whopping sea bass they caught on a fishing jaunt to Ensemada recently. Bob Alexander lurks in the background and Ed Peck took the photo.





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Tarzantics



Springtime brings tree-time for youngsters and the photographer caught this gang playing apeman one afternoon in a tree near W. Whittier school. Most of them are kindergarten Tarzans and they are, left to right: Jimmy Busigian, Edward Vierra, John Moralez, Bill Ralston, and Roxie Cline.

Chamber of Commerce Banquet



Some 400 persons, a capacity crowd, turned out for the annual Chamber of Commerce banquet at the Woman's club dining hall recently. They are fine ham dinner, saw the chamber's new officers introduced, and heartily applauded a talk by L. A. Congregational minister, Dr. James Fifield, a man of quite pronounced opinions.

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Know Your Birds



Among the worthwhile projects of the Audubon Society is its educational campaign directed at school children. It aims to teach them to recognize the wild things they see and, knowing them, to value and want to preserve them. During recent weeks members of the local unit of the Audubon Society have given their time to this program, presenting illustrated lectures to many grade school classes. Here Mrs. Everett V. Steele, 10243 E. Strong Ave., shows slides of native birds to second graders at Lincoln school.

Whittier Wildcat



One of the closest-to-Whittier wildcats to be drilled in many a year is this test in Turnbull canyon, just outside the city limits. You can see the lights of Whittier and L. A. beyond the rig lights. When this picture was taken, the bit was down about 1,200 feet and would go to 7,000 or 8,000 seeking oil—working for another two or three weeks. The Los Nietos company, Union Oil subsidiary, is drilling the wildcat.

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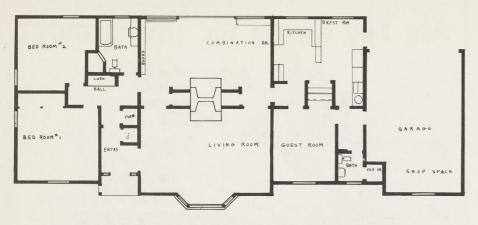
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By ALBERTA STONE

Like many another young couple, Hubert and Louise Perry literally dreamed up their ideal house. Unlike most, however, they picked the best place in the U. S. A. for dreaming architectural plans: Williamsburg, Va., whose Colonial splendor made a lasting impression on them that has found its way into tangible brick, paint and mortar.

Accordingly, things had to be just so and even after they moved into the house they long had planned in Buena Vista Terrace, at 1330 Bronte, the Perrys had much to do. They did all the exterior painting themselves, as well as some of the finish carpentry, and most of the interior painting, even mixing the colors until they completely satisfied. The papering was done professionally, but to the visitor, the overall effect in this modified Cape Cod, Colonial-type home is that of perfection.

Perhaps the outstanding part of the house lies in the combination dining room-den, which is typically early American, with its oval table, dry-sink (now planted), open hearth, and wing chair. Here also are book shelves and desk, with a plate rail traveling around the whole room. On either side of the Dutch door leading to the kitchen are indented shelves which hold Mrs. Perry's collection of demi-tasse cups and saucers. The mustard-colored cottage curtains complement the predominant ruby-red of the Pennsylvania-Dutch wall paper. The knotty pine panelling is hand—and they do mean hand—rubbed to a satin finish.

The more formal living room features a bay window draped in white organdy crisscross curtains made by Mrs. Perry, as were the beautiful lamp shades throughout the house. Unusual paper in the entry tells the tale of Paul Revere in picture and poetry.

The very compact kitchen is joined by a combination breakfast-sewing-laundry room that is just as attractive with its peasant paper and Dutch curtains as it is useful. The bedroom off this end of the house will later be used as a play room for 11-month-old Lee Bacon Perry.

Much of the furniture used throughout the house is antique, handed down in the Bacon family. Other pieces have been routedd out of by-way shops and beautifully refinished by the present owners themselves.



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The Wilson home is convincing proof that furniture arrangement and color harmony are very important to your home. We of The Colonial Shop will be glad to help you coordinate your house furnishings and solve your decorative problems.



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The Boston rocker and heirloom churn blend into the study area, with recessed book-shelves above closed storage cupboards.

Dining area of den holds this gleaming early American table with its large copper pot.







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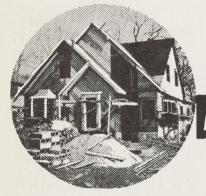
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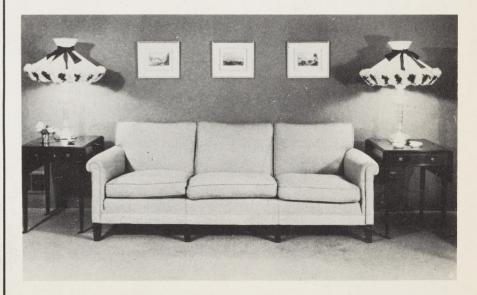
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Master bedroom holds this four-poster cherry wood bed with canopy, flanked by the antique wash stand with bowl-and-pitcher lamp. Rose and white are the colors.



Lovely lamp shades made by Mrs. Perry spark the colonial living room, done in Williamsburg green with white panelling on the fireplace wall:

'Teen Troubles Aired In College Lab Play



1—"She looked so sophisticated and slinky!" says Ruth (Mary Hammond), telling impressionable Sally (Arlene Slaughenwhite) about kind of clothes she'd like despite parental objections.



2—"They can't whip me—I'm too big!" Ruth snaps. She is maladjusted teen-ager whose conflict with parents provokes similar strife about dating between Sally and her family.



3—"You're unreasonable and mean and you never want me to have any fun!" blurts Sally as she gives parents ultimatum that she be allowed to go out on dubious date or leave home.



4—Mother and father (Joan Floyd, Dick Thorman) are aghast at possible loss of daughter. "Oh, John, are we being pushed out?" is mother's anguished question as they talk it over.

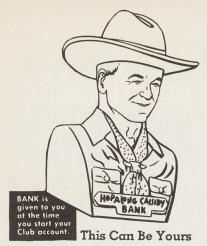
"Just another one of those weeks?" you might ask on being told that the first week in May is Mental Health Week. Hardly . . . but it does represent a nation-wide move to dramatize the fact that one out of every ten Americans suffers mental illness. In Whittier, college students presented "High Pressure Area" as their contribution toward an understanding of the stresses that result in emotional instability. The play deals with the dating problem of a high school girl and the success of her parents in utilizing goodwill to help her work out the problem. Available to P.T.A.'s and similar civic groups, the play has been used for three years to introduce college freshmen to a section of the course on marriage and home life.

The Whittier chapter of the Southern California Society for Mental Hygiene once again is sponsoring a series of valuable newspaper articles on a half dozen aspects of mental health. They will appear in The News and the Star-Reporter between May 2 and May 8.



5—Sally realizes parents are really on her side when understanding mother gives her train ticket for Chicago holiday. Ruth is dumbfounded by kindness she's never known. Gesture keeps family intact.





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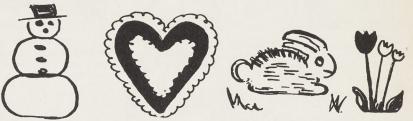
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Dear Boys and Girls

We have celebrated many events and shared many experiences with Tim and Tess Miller. We worried about Pomeroy, their pet turkey. We discovered the *REAL* Christmas Spirit. We started the New Year with a *RISE AND SHINE* day. We built



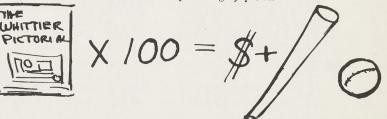
a wonderful snowman. (Have you checked whether he is still up there in the mountains?) In February we did our best to find out the Who and Why of this Valentine business. And you must admit that Tim did have a MOST unusual birthday party. And of course we discussed the Great Problem of our friend Fluffy the most fluffy Easter bunny. If you remember our last story, we couldn't find Tim and Tess . . . but we did find many other signs of Spring.



But today I have a special-serious kind of story to tell you that I hope will someday become a part of your own Life-Story . . . and here it is . . .

Tim just won a regulation baseball and bat. And he didn't get it for guessing the number of times a puppy wags his tail . . . or by sending in 20 box tops to a bottle cap company. He won his regulation baseball and bat for selling 100 copies of the last WHITTIER PICTORIAL.

And you can bet that he and his family are mighty proud.



Tim likes his Pictorial job for many reasons. He only has to sell and deliver on every other Thursday. Of course he can try selling Pictorials for as many days after that as he wishes. The nice part about it is that the people in his neighborhood look forward to seeing him and receiving their latest issue. Tim has made a lot of friends that way. Besides earning his own spending money Tim has many chances for winning points for prizes . . . (like the regulation baseball and bat). He makes six cents a copy and \$1. for every subscription. Tim has his own system. He has built up a list of "regulars", and then each month he expands his territory and looks for "newcomers". His biggest ambition is to win a bicycle in one of the big Whittier Pictorial contests.

As with any job . . . Tim has learned a few very important facts. And I asked him to write them down for you:

1. Always be polite. Especially to costumers.

2. Return what you can't sell back to the office in time for other kids to use them.

3. How much money you make depends on how hard you work.

4. Working for the Whittier Pictorial is fun.

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COCOA UPSIDE-DOWN CAKE

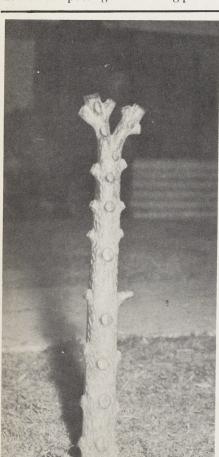
Mrs. Clifford S. Holcomb, 2159 S. Las Lomitas Dr., is president of the Opti-Mrs. club, but she is probably at least as well known for her Cocoa Upside-Down cake. She has been making this dessert for about five years, ever since she ran across the recipe in an old magazine.
"Everyone goes wild about it," she said. "Especially Mr. Holcomb."

It takes only a short time to make. Take:

One cup flour, 1/4 tsp. salt, 3/4 cup sugar; 2 tsp. baking powder; 2 tsp. cocoa. Sift into bowl. Add 1/2 cup milk, 1 tsp. vanilla, 1 cup nuts, 2 tsp. butter. Beat well and pour into baking dish (5 1/2 inches x 9 1/2 inches is

Then top with 1 cup brown sugar, 1/4 tsp. salt, 4 tbs. cocoa mixed and sprinkled over cake. Then pour on 1 3/4 cup hot water. Bake 40 to 45 minutes in 350 degree oven.

This will serve six persons, but it should be served warm. Turn it upside down when putting it on serving plate.





Hitching Post

One of the firmer relics of a by-gone Whittier is this treeshaped iron hitching post, still solid enough to hold the most rambunctious buggy horse 40 years after it was imbedded at 417 N. Greenleaf.

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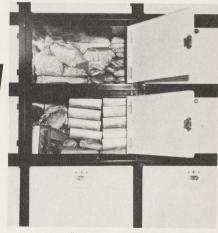
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